



King Center
Charter School

Docket no. 02-6

I am writing to request that the 2013-2014 e-rate allowance for the King Center Charter school be reinstated despite the fact that the school filed its request last year later than the March 14, 2013 deadline. While we understand that such tardiness is normally reason enough for losing these funds, as the new Executive Director, I wish to appeal this decision on the grounds that the school was undergoing a seismic restructuring as it prepared to say goodbye to its founding Director and was introducing a new organizational structure and hiring a staff of content experts in order to professionalize the school's operations and render them more efficient. This restructuring is finally in place and through its new protocols we discovered this missed deadline. The King Center Charter School serves the most vulnerable students in Buffalo. Our Free and Reduced Meal Rate is 95%; the e-rate funds allow us to direct more money to technology and direct program offerings thus directly impacting the well-being of our students. We would really appreciate your taking a second look at our application.

The King Center Charter School, which has been in existence since 2000, underwent a major administrative reorganization last year in preparation for opening of the 2013-2014 school year. The school added a middle school division in order to become a K-8 school. The founding Executive Director of the K-4 division, who had run the school for 13 years, retired in June 2013. In response, the school hired a new Executive Director and created for the first time a principal position. In addition, the school created a Director of Finance position and an Office Manager position. After an extensive search hired Barb Lindaman as our Director of Finance. Ms. Lindaman has extensive experience administering the finances of non-profit organizations and engineering efficient reporting and comptrolling systems.

This new administrative team and structure did not begin to fully operate until July of 2013. As we settle in to this fiscal year, we ask that you forgive KCCS's late e-rate application and grant us the funds for the 13-14 year. We assure you that the school will never be late again in making its application.

Best

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